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U.S. Application Serial No. 09/442,542; "Sustained DNA Delivery from Structural Matrices"; Shea, Bonadio, Mooney and Peters; (Client

Reference: UM 1522P1)

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and copy of reference A36.

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present case. A copy of the listed document required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

First and second non-final Official Actions on the merits have been received in the present application. However, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a final Official Action, notice of allowance or an Action that closes prosecution, and is timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) without a fee in light of the following information.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), it is hereby certified that the document listed in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. The listed document was cited in an Official Action on the merits in a co-pending application of one of the present inventors, Serial No. 09/527,636 (Attorney Docket No. 4100.001100), mailed from the P.T.O. on April 24, 2003, less than three months ago. The patent issued on March 25, 2003, which is also less than three months ago, and could not have been submitted prior to that date.

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